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UPDATE-4 shot and 2 dead in Shooting

Westminster, CA—On 9-15-2012, at 12:23 AM, WPD Officers and the Orange County Fire Authority responded to a shooting near the 13900 block of Iowa St. Upon arrival four victims were located in a residential garage, all suffering from gunshot wounds. One male adult was pronounced dead at the scene. One male adult and one male juvenile were transported to a nearby trauma center in serious condition. The other male adult was transported to another trauma center with non-life threatening wounds. At around 4:20 AM, the male juvenile victim died from his injuries.

WPD Detectives and the Orange County Crime Lab are currently at the scene investigating this case. "Preliminary reports suggest there was some type of an altercation in the street just prior to the shooting," said Sgt. Cameron Knauerhaze. At some point, gunfire erupted and the suspects fled the area on foot, possibly to an awaiting vehicle. So far, this appears to be an isolated incident and the victims appear to have been the only ones targeted.

Suspect information is not available—further information to follow at a later time. The name of the decedent will not be released until the next of kin is notified. Anyone with information is urged to call the Westminster Police Department Detective Bureau at 714-898-3315. Callers can remain anonymous. Anonymous tips can also be given to Orange County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-855-TIP-OCCS or by logging on to Crimestoppers.org